Dear Jim,

3/17/79

If you've wondered why the FBI refused to perform the tests urged by the ARC or why the FBI has not come up with any real reports on the scientific testing we've been using for Little Rock has confirmed by earlier answer.

FBI sent a teletype on 12/12/63 that told the field offices not to investigate the crime but to continue to investigate reports about the elected lone assassin.

The crime was solved "conclusively," the SAC, Little Rock told his SAs.

Only the directive not to investigate the crime is new to me. And it is about as explicit as I'd ever expect anyone in the FBI to put on paper:"investigation... restricted to him..." and any connection but not with the shooting. They might give it another interpretation for public consumption but in context I don't, not when it begins by saying Lee Oswald has been conclusively established as assassin.

Even then no instructions to go out and dig. Only to check information.

With the Ruby part, however, there is itemized a list of questions to be investigated.

This is Little Rock 105-406-39.

On March 11, 1964 the same SAC told his agents what is important when they investigate a Presidential assassination, an FBI has communicated its spelling. (What I've seen is better than mine, I'm sure Bill would agree.)

FBIHQ's awareness that this was an historical case is stated in the first memo quoted from FBIHQ: "...creating a historical records ..."

So I wonder why the AG had to make this finding more than a decade later, only to not have the FBI treat the case and processing under it as historical?

If you read this stuff carefully it is virtually self-caricature: you don't investigate the crime but you do put the best spellers and those with best command of sentence structure to writing the reports.

It also appears that the norm is funny cartoons, illegible mimeographing and as I've heard often enough, missing pages.

Did they catch Dillinger or did he catch them?